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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, VE

SUBJECT: INTEREST DUE ON DELINQUENT FMS DEBT

REF: CARACAS 6481

1. UPON RECEIPT OF REFTTEL, DEPARTMENT CALLED DSAA ACCOUNT-
ING CENTER IN DENVER FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. ON THE
BASIS OF THAT RECHECK, DEPARTMENT NOW BELIEVES THAT NONE OF
THE NOTIFICATIONS TO THE VENEZUELAN'S CLEARLY POINTED OUT
THE RETROACTIVE NATURE OF THE LEGAL REQUIREMENT, AND IN ANY
CASE THE DELINQUENCY MAY HAVE BEEN INADVERTENT AND COULD
HAVE RESULTED FROM OUR OWN PROCEDURES. FYI THIS CASE HAS
REVEALED SOME PROCEDURAL LAPSES AND DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES
EMBASSY'S BRINGING THEM TO OUR ATTENTION.

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2. WE HAVE NO LEGAL AUTHORITY TO CANCEL INTEREST CHARGE
IN QUESTION, OR TO WAIVE PAYMENT. NEVERTHELESS, UNDER THE
PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES OF THIS RATHER UNUSUAL CASE, WE
DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THERE IS ANYTHING TO BE GAINED AT THIS
TIME BY DUNNING GOV FOR PAYMENT OF CHARGE IT STRENUOUSLY
DISPUTES. IN ORDER TO AVOID POSSIBLE DIFFICULTIES, WE

INTEND TO BRIEF APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL STAFFS ON FACTS
AND BACKGROUND OF CASE AND TO SUGGEST THAT IN VIEW OF THE
CIRCUMSTANCES WE SHOULD NOT TAKE FURTHER STEPS TO SEEK

PAYMENT FROM GOV. WE WILL INFORM YOU OF THE RESULTS OF
THESE DISCUSSIONS. IN MEANTIME, YOU SHOULD NOT PURSUE
MATTER FURTHER WITH GOV, BEYOND INFORMING THEM THAT
MATTER REMAINS UNDER USG REVIEW.

3. DEPARTMENT WILL KEEP EMBASSY POSTED. CHRISTOPHER

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